

REMARKS

Claims 1-11 remain in this application.

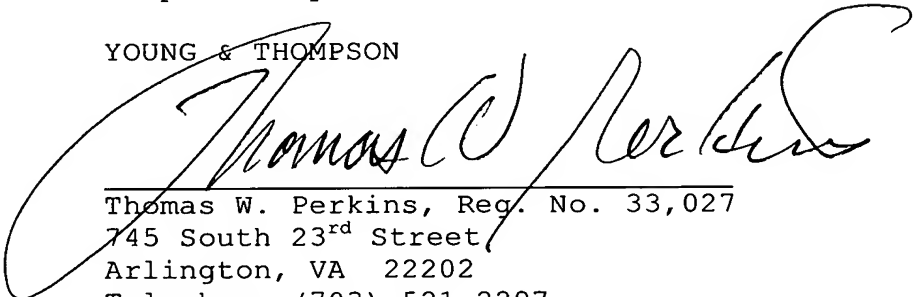
Entry of the above amendments is earnestly solicited.
An early and favorable first action on the merits is earnestly requested.

Should there be any matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

Respectfully submitted,

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A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Thomas W. Perkins". The signature is written over the printed name and address of the signatory.

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APPENDIX:

The Appendix includes the following item:

A new Abstract of the Disclosure

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

An analyzer for extracting acetaldehyde and automatically determining its content, particularly in PET preform samples, includes in combination: a) a desorption cell into which the sample is inserted; b) an analysis chamber with a separation column optimized for acetaldehyde separation; c) a complex of valves for manipulating the fluids within the system; d) a detection system; e) data processing and control device; and f) a temperature-controlled casing housing the aforesaid components.